KEEPING



Ecclesiastes 3:1 For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven. (NLT)



So the new lodges reached phase 1 completion just in time for the Summer Season and have been used by a number of groups throughout the summer months as carpeted indoor accommodation.

Feedback from guests was all hugely positive and both the lodges and the main indoor accommodation were at capacity on a number of occasions throughout the summer.

Temporary heating was installed at the end of the summer period and phase 2 works commenced to install an indoor toilet and washroom within each lodge, along with underfloor heating.



I am pleased to report that work is currently "on Trac", with the first lodge having been completed already.

This has been "warmly" received by the guests who have stayed in recent weeks, as the weather has finally started to get that little bit cooler.



In addition, the old charcoal based, Barrel BBQ has been replaced, the Challenge Course has been re-topped with a fresh covering of wood chippings and most recently the entire A-Frame swing (a TRAC favourite) has been completely rebuilt, having been out of action for a period, due to ageing timbers.



Our work with a growing number of local schools has continued in 2023 and we have just taken delivery of a new Climbing Tower, in partnership with the Christian Organisation Sportily, which after staff training in the New Year, should hopefully be fully operational in time for the Spring/Summer 2024 season.

With increased accommodation we are now looking at options around extending the indoor dining capacity and we hope to commence work on the dining room project sometime in the first half of 2024m God willing.

Additionally, we are already, almost fully booked for 2024, praise the Lord!

As ever, we really thank you for your prayers and support during 2023.

Please continue to pray for wisdom and guidance around the projects and activities that we undertake, for larger number groups and the right groups, where the seed planted will take root and provide a harvest and for the general health and safety of both visitors and all the volunteers and staff onsite.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year!

See you all in 2024!

God Bless!

Joe Aldridge

Psalms 126:2-3 NLT We were filled with laughter, and we sang for joy. And the other nations said, "What amazing things the LORD has done for them." Yes, the LORD has done amazing things for us! What joy! (NLT)

We hope this gives you an insight into what's going on at TRAC and where your gifts and donations are going.

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